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1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE WRITTEN BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BENT ALBRECTSEN OF DENMARK'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS NEWSPAPER, BERLINGSKE TIDENDE, APPEARED IN THE MAY 25 EDITION DATELINED WASHINGTON.

BEGIN INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

FOREIGN POLICY EXPERT TO BECOME US' NEW MAN IN DENMARK

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REPLACE ITS AMBASSADOR IN DENMARK, THE CAREER DIPLOMAT JOHN GUNTHER DEAN, WITH THE WEALTHY PUBLISHER OF ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST INFLUENTIAL FOREIGN POLICY PERIODICALS.
EVEN IF NEGOTIATIONS HEREON BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND COPENHAGEN, AS ALWAYS IN SUCH CASES, ARE CONDUCTED IN THE DEEPEST CONFIDENCE, BERLINGSKE TIDENDE HAS LEARNED THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE DANISH GOVERNMENT ABOUT ITS CHOICE, AND THAT A FORMAL APPROVAL CAN BE EXPECTED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
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BORN IN EUROPE

LIKE JOHN GUNTHER DEAN, WHO IS EXPECTED TO BE CALLED HOME, THE NEW AMBASSADOR, WARREN DEMIAN MANSHEL, WAS BORN IN EUROPE. HE IS OF POLISH-JEWISH EXTRACTION AND CAME TO THE USA DURING THE PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS. THROUGH

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HIS AMERICAN MARRIAGE (THE FAMILY CONSISTS OF HIS WIFE ANITA AND 2 CHILDREN) WARREN DEMAIN MANSHEL OBTAINED A SHARE IN A CONSIDERABLE FAMILY FORTUNE.

HE COMBINED THIS AND HIS DEEP INTEREST IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS (MANSHEL HAS A DOCTOR'S DEGREE IN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION FROM THE WELL-KNOWN HARVARD UNIVERSITY) BY FOUNDING THE FOREIGN POLICY PERIODICAL FOREIGN POLICY. THIS PERIODICAL HAS SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER TOOK OFFICE IN JANUARY 1977 SUPPLIED A NUMBER OF STAFF MEMBERS AND ADVISORS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THUS, ITS MANAGING EDITOR RICHARD HOLBROOK NOW IS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS, AND THE PRESENT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY W. MICHAEL BLEMENTHAL, THE PRESIDENT'S SECURITY ADVISOR ZBIGNIEW BREZEZINSKI, AMBAAADOR ELLIOT RICHARDSON, UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS RICHARD COOPER, AND JOSEPH NYE, WHO IS MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE SECTION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WERE ALL ON ITS EDITORIAL STAFF.

NO EXPERIENCE.

THE OTHER LARGE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY PERIODICAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS, ON THE OTHER HAND, OBSORBED SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FORMER REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION AS
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ADVISORS, INCLUDING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER.

WARREN DEMIAN MANSHEL, WHO IS IN HIS EARLY FIFTIES, DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE LIKE JOHN GUNTHER DEAN, WHO IS ABOUT THE SAME AGE. JOHN DEAN HAS A LONG CAREER IN THE AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE BEHIND HIM AND HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, UNTIL THE USA LEFT SOUTHEAST ASIA IN THE SPRING OF 1975. HE BECAME AMBASSADOR TO COPENHAGEN THAT SAME FALL AND THUS HE WILL ONLY HAVE BEEN AT THIS POST FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AT THE TIME HE IS TRANSFERRED.

WELL-INFORMED SOURCES IN WASHINGTON BELIEVE THAT THERE HAS BEEN STRONG PRESSURE ON THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE THE CHANGE, IN ORDER TO FILL STILL ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC POST WITH A MAN WHO HAS CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONS TO A NUMBER OF DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN WASHINGTON. ALREADY IN 1968, WARREN DEMIAN MANSHEL WAS ACTIVE IN SENATOR MCCARTHY'S BRIEF PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO LYNDON B. JOHNSON'S DECISION NOT TO SEEK RE-ELECTION, AND LATER HE SUPPORTED SENATOR FRANK CHURCH'S

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MAINLY SYMBOLIC PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

BACKS ISRAEL.

AT THE END OF THE YEAR SENATOR FRANK CHURCH IS EXPECTED
TO BECOME CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE, A POST WHICH FOR MANY YEARS HAS BEEN HELD BY
SENATOR WILLIAM FULBRIGHT OF ARKANSAS, AND WHICH AT
THE MOMENT, IS HELD BY THE ELDERLY SENATOR FROM ALABAMA,
JOHN SPARKMAN. THE SENATE'S FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MUST APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF THE NEW AMBASSADOR.

THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK, WHO ALSO HAS A
CAREER AS AN INVESTMENT EXPERT, IS DESCRIBED BY
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ACQUAINTANCES IN THE US AS A WEALTHY MAN WITH STRONG
OPINIONS, WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE SUPPORT OF ISRAEL,
AND WHO LIKES TO ARRANGE PARTIES FOR PROMINENT POLITICIANS
AND THE CULTURAL ELITE IN HIS IN NEW YORK.

END INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

2. WE NOTE FROM STATE 124611 THAT MAY 17 VILLAGE VOICE
ALSO MAY HAVE REPORTED ON NEW AMBASSADORIAL NOMINATION.
IN LINE WITH INSTRUCTION IN THIS TELEGRAM, WE ARE
REPLYING TO PRESS QUERIES THAT WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS. THIS WOULD COME FROM THE
WHITE HOUSE.
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